

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Prisons Department - Disciplinary proceedings against Sri J. Ramagovindaiah, Superintendent of Jails (Retd) – Article of Charge issued – Enquiry report submitted – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

HOME (PRISONS. A) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No. 1154

Date: 12-07-2010

Read the following:

1. Government Memo No. 33075/Pri. A/A1/2005-1, dated 15-06-2007.
2. From the DG & IGP & CS., AP., Hyderabad, Charge Memo No EB3/505/2005-1, dated 28-06-2007.
3. From the Deputy Inspector General of Prisons (RR), Kadapa, Enquiry Report, dated 18-07-2008.
4. From Sri J. Ramagovindaiah, Superintendent of Jails (Retd), explanation, dated 03-09-2008.
5. From the DG & IGP & CS., AP., Hyderabad, Lr No. EB3/505/2005, dated 05-03-2009.
6. Government Memo No. 7147/Pri. A/A1/2009, dated 19-01-2010 and 20-04-2010.
7. From Sri J. Ramagovindaiah, Superintendent of Jails (Retd), reply, dated 12-05-2010.

ORDER:

In the reference first read above, Government have authorized the DG & IGP & CS., AP., Hyderabad, in terms of Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, to initiate disciplinary action against the (3) officials viz Sri J. Ramagovindaiah, Superintendent of Jails (Retd); Sri K. Rama Murthy, Deputy Superintendent of Jails and Sri N. Raju, Jailor, on the imputations of negligence and dereliction of duties pointed out while discharging duties at Central Prison, Nellore, in the year 2005, which caused unauthorized detention of prisoner in Central Prison, Nellore.

2. The DG & IGP & CS., AP., Hyderabad, has framed article of charges against the said (3) officials. After receipt of the written statements from the Charged Officers, the DG & IGP & CS., AP., Hyderabad, has dropped further action in respect of Sri K. Rama Murthy, Deputy Superintendent of Jails and Sri N. Raju, Jailor, as they are in service and disciplinary proceedings were continued in respect of Sri J. Ramagovindaiah, Superintendent of Jails (Retd), as his explanation was not found satisfactory. In the reference 2nd read above, the following charge was framed against Sri J. Ramagovindaiah, Superintendent of Jails (Retd):

ARTICLE OF CHARGE:

"Sri J. Ramagovindaiah, the then Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Nellore, (Retired from service on 31-05-2005) has exhibited gross negligence, dereliction of duty and shirked his responsibilities by unnecessarily addressing the Director General & Inspector General of Prisons & Correctional Services, A.P., Hyderabad, about the applicability of orders issued by the Government in Memo NO. 30479/Prisons. C/A1/2004-1, dated 03-01-2005 to two other convicts thereby intentionally and unlawfully detained Convict No. 7578, V.

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Ramamohan Rao, S/o Purushotham, with ulterior motive. This resulted in wrongful and unauthorized detention of the said convict for 6 days. He was released on 21-03-2005 instead of 15-03-2005. It amounts to violation of A.P. Prisons Rules, 1979, and A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Enquiry Officer viz Sri B. Sunil Kumar, DIG of Prisons (RR), Kadapa, has submitted his report holding the charge against "Sri J. Ramagovindaiah, Superintendent of Jails (Retd), as proved. Sri J. Ramagovindaiah, Superintendent of Jails (Retd), has submitted his explanation on the enquiry report on 03-09-2008.

4. Government, after careful examination of the contentions put forth in the explanation of individual with reference to remarks of DG & IGP & CS., AP., Hyderabad, furnished thereupon, has taken a provisional decision, in terms of Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, for imposition of penalty of "cut of 10% pension for one year" against the delinquent officer.

5. In the reference 6th read above, a show cause notice has been issued to the delinquent officer, in terms of Rule 9 (2) (a) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, and he was directed to submit his reply within a period of 15 days on the proposed penalty.

6. In the reference 7th read above, Sri J. Ramagovindaiah, Superintendent of Jails (Retd), has submitted his reply adducing that delay in releasing the prisoner on grant of remission is not intentional as necessary clarification was sought for from the Head Office and he alone is proposed for penalty whereas the other delinquent officers were left free. He has also submitted that he is a retired person and cutting of pension will take effect on his necessary health expenses.

7. Government, after careful consideration of the submissions put forth by the individual, have also observed that both Jailor and Deputy Superintendent of Jails, who were primarily held responsible for the happenings in the remission section were exonerated. Hence, it has been decided to drop further action against Sri J. Ramagovindaiah, Superintendent of Jails (Retd).

8. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Sri J. Ramagovindaiah, Superintendent of Jails (Retd), in the disciplinary proceedings initiated vide Charge Memo issued in the reference 2nd read above.

9. The DG & IGP & CS., AP., Hyderabad, shall take necessary follow up action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJAY MISRA

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Director General & Inspector General of Prisons & Correctional Services, A.P., Hyderabad

Sri J. Ramagovindaiah, Superintendent of Jails (Retd).
through DG & IGP & CS., AP., Hyderabad.

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